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SUBJECT:US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT 02.08-10,  
INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE ON CLIMATE.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DR. EDWARD  
S. EPSTEIN, US COCHAIRMAN, WORKING GROUP VIII, TO DR. Y.  
SEDUNOV, USSR COCHAIRMAN, WITH COPY TO DR. KAZAKOV, BOTH  
OF HYDROMET. REQUEST AMCONSUL PASS COPY TO DR. BORISENKOV  
AT MAIN GEOPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY.

2. QUOTE  
PROJECT 02.08-12 SEPTEMBER 26, 1977  
DR. Y. SEDUNOV  
FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
MAIN ADMINISTRATION HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE  
12 PAVLIK MOROZOV STREET  
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DEAR DR. SEDUNOV:

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL, I SHALL BE UNABLE  
TO ATTEND THE THIRD JOINT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, DR. EUGENE BIERLY WILL ACT AS HEAD OF

THE DELEGATION AND REPRESENT ME. THE DELEGATION WILL NOW

CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

DR. EUGENE BIERLY - NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION - HEAD  
OF DELEGATION

DR. W. LAWRENCE GATES - OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

DR. JOHN M. WILCOX - STANFORD UNIVERSITY

DR. THOMAS D. POTTER - NOAA

DR. JAMES D. LAWRENCE, JR. - NASA

MR. JOHN A. MIRABITO - NOAA

MR. BASIL LUKIANOFF - INTERPRETER.

THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1977,  
AT 1540 ON PANAM 44.

DR. W. LAWRENCE GATES WHO WILL ACT AS LEADER FOR PROJECT  
02.08-11, EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN THE HEAT BALANCE OF THE  
ATMOSPHERE ON CLIMATE, WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO PARTICI-  
PATE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MEETING. THEREFORE, IT  
IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE JOINT  
PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 1978 BE HELD DURING THE WEEK  
OF OCTOBER 3-7, 1977, IN ORDER THAT DR. GATES CAN  
REPRESENT THE US SIDE OF PROJECT 02.08-11. AFTER THE  
DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, I WOULD PROPOSE THAT  
VISITS TO SOVIET FACILITIES AND LABORATORIES BE  
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SCHEDULED DURING THE SECOND WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 10,  
1977.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS WILL NOT INCONVENIENCE YOU, BUT  
I FEEL THAT DR. GATES' PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER  
THAT FULL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO ONE OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS  
OF WORKING GROUP VIII.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE YOU  
THAT AS AGREED AT THE SECOND JOINT MEETING OF WORKING  
GROUP VIII AT PRINCETON IN 1976, I AM DESIGNATING DR.  
THOMAS D. POTTER AS THE FOCAL POINT ON THE US SIDE FOR  
DATA REQUESTS AND DATA EXCHANGES. DR. POTTER IS DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE OF NOAA.

WITH BEST REGARDS

EDWARD S. EPSTEIN

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3. FOR SCIENCE OFFICER: JOINT MEETING W.G. VIII  
NORMALLY CONSISTS OF FORMAL DISCUSSIONS FIRST WEEK AND  
VISITS TO HOST FACILITIES AND LABORATORIES THE SECOND WEEK

WITH SIGNING OF PROTOCOL THE LAST DAY. INFORMATION  
RECEIVED BY EPSTEIN INDICATES THAT DUE ABSENCE OF SEDUNOV  
FROM SOVIET UNION THE FIRST WEEK, MEETING SCHEDULE TO BE

REVERSED CALLING FOR VISITS FIRST WEEK; DISCUSSIONS SECOND  
WEEK. THIS POSES PROBLEM FOR USDEL SINCE DR. GATES MUST  
RETURN US AT END OF FIRST WEEK. WOULD APPRECIATE  
INFORMING KAZAKOV OF URGENCY TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS DURING  
FIRST WEEK TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION BY GATES EVEN IF THIS  
REQUIRES CANCELLATION OR ABRIDGEMENT OF VISITS. CHRISTOPHER

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